



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

- WHEREAS: Georgia's men and women have long served with honor and distinction in our nation's Armed Forces to preserve American freedom and ideals. Many of these brave heroes have risked – and many have given – their lives on the battlefield; and
- WHEREAS: According to national and state historical data, from the Revolutionary War to present day, over 18,800 Georgians have been held as prisoners of war, more than 2,600 died in captivity and over 1,400 remain unaccounted for; and
- WHEREAS: Nationwide, approximately 561,500 Americans have been held as prisoners of war, 79,000 Americans died in captivity, and more than 88,000 servicemen and women are still unaccounted for; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's servicemen and women still missing from our nation's wars include 101 from World War I, 364 from World War II, 172 from the Korean War and 28 from the Vietnam War. More than 800 Georgians were held as prisoners of war during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS: While serving their nation and bravely defending American ideals, American prisoners of war suffered the indignities and brutality of captivity. Others remain unaccounted for and are considered Missing In Action; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia fully commends and endorses the national commitment to account for those still missing from our nation's wars; and
- WHEREAS: During POW/MIA Recognition Week, we acknowledge with respect and deep reverence the brave Americans who were held in captivity and those whose fates have never been resolved. We also recognize the profound suffering of Georgia families who continue to wait for word about the recovery of a loved one still unaccounted for and considered Missing In Action; and
- WHEREAS: On POW/MIA Recognition Day, we pause to remember all former American prisoners of war who suffered the hardships of enemy captivity as well as the Americans whose fate is still undetermined and are listed as Missing In Action; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 16–22, 2018, as POW/MIA RECOGNITION WEEK and September 21, 2018, as POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY in Georgia in recognition of all the brave Americans who became prisoners of war and those who remain Missing In Action, and I encourage Georgia citizens to fly the POW/MIA flag in recognition of this observance.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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